IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly rewrite Claims 1-10 as follows, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121:

1. (Currently amended) An isolated coryneform bacterium which has an L-arginine- or L-lysine-producing ability, and wherein said bacterium is modified so that glutamine synthetase activity is enhanced as compared to a wild-type coryneform bacterium, and wherein said bacterium is also modified so that ~~an arginine repressor does not function normally~~an activity of an arginine repressor is reduced or eliminated, wherein said arginine repressor comprises a protein which is 90% or more homologous to the protein of SEQ ID NO: 16, and wherein said glutamine synthetase activity is enhanced either by a modification that results in adenylation of glutamine synthetase being reduced or eliminated, or by increasing a copy number of a gene encoding glutamine synthetase.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently amended) The isolated coryneform bacterium of ~~claim 2~~claim 1, wherein said modification ~~comprises mutating is a mutation in the adenylylation site of glutamine synthetase, wherein said modification comprises~~ is replacement of tyrosine at position 405 with another amino acid in the protein of SEQ ID NO: 20, or in a protein which is 90% or more homologous to the protein of SEQ ID NO: 20.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Withdrawn) The coryneform bacterium of claim 3, wherein a gene encoding the glutamine synthetase adenylyltransferase on a chromosome of said bacterium is disrupted.

6. (Withdrawn) The coryneform bacterium of claim 3, wherein the nitrogen metabolism regulation protein is an *amtR* gene product which does not function normally.

7. (Withdrawn) The coryneform bacterium of claim 6, wherein said *amtR* gene product on a chromosome of said bacterium is disrupted.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently amended) The isolated coryneform bacterium of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a gene on a chromosome of said bacterium encoding the arginine repressor is disrupted.

10. (Withdrawn) A method for producing L-arginine or L-lysine, comprising the steps of

a) culturing the coryneform bacterium according to claim 1 in a medium, and

b) allowing accumulation of L-arginine or L-lysine in the medium, and

c) collecting the L-arginine or L-lysine from the medium.